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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 p.m.—*SHARP!*

CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

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2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz (Main site Roxborough receiver requires no PL, but outputs 91.5 Hz.)

Additional off-site receivers require the following subaudible tones:

Southampton 131.8 Hz—*Center City* 103.5 Hz—*Lansdale* 114.8 Hz—*Broomall* 85.4 Hz

70cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

W3EM - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

W3AA - (Formerly W3TKQ) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I

The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

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DEADLINE: To be assured of publication in the current month, all copy MUST be in the hands of the Editor at the General Meeting!

NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	YOUTH NET

NUMBER 9

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Greg Malone - N3FSC

03 Marian Fox - WA3YJR

05 Tony Straka - KA3SVT*

George Walmsley - W3DO

06 Len Kovnat - WB3JUA

08 Al Bubeck - K3GNM

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15 Bob Freer - W3YLT

17 Vikye Swanson (XYL N3GLH)

20 Jack Spratt - N3ALW

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21 Millie Graf (XYL N3JDM)

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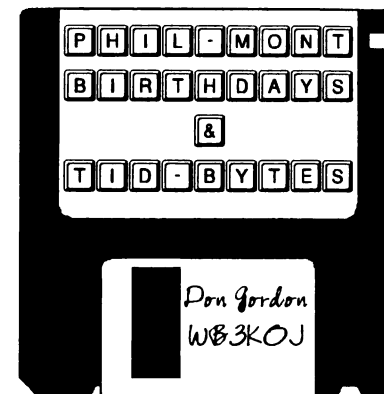
23 Patricia Mannio (XYL WA3NSP)

Russ Stafford - W3CH

26 Paul Ives - W3SMA

27 Ed Holohan - KB2SVG*

*Indicates new member 1996-97



MEMBERSHIP STATS.

162	FULL
18	FAMILY
13	YOUTH
3	HONORARY
<u>3</u>	PENDING
199	

Sightings

No, not ELVIS... WB3KAB & WB3KAC... both, in spite of rumors, are alive and well. The former is looking for someone to solder a connector for him, and the latter is busy playing with his computer.

UPCOMING DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT

With the October issue you will receive the 1997 Directory Supplement. It will contain information on new members plus corrections and additions that I have received during the last six months. If you have any changes that you would like included, I must have them by September 15th.

In addition, the directory will feature a "mailing list" of PMRC members who have sent me their packet and/or e-mail addresses. If you would like to be listed, send your information to me at my NEW e-mail address: wb3koj@comcat.com or on packet at: wb3koj@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?

Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club...

contact Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN, for details.

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy 🚗!

THREE DIRECTORS FACE COMPETITION

Three ARRL directors will face competition this fall for their seats on the ARRL Board of Directors. The contests are in the Atlantic, Delta and Great Lakes divisions.

In the Atlantic Division, the candidates are incumbent Director Kay Craigie, WT3P, of Paoli, Pennsylvania, and Jim Carson, WK2K, of Ithaca, New York. Atlantic Division Vice Director Bernie Fuller, N3EFN, is without opposition for his seat.

Ballots will be distributed by October 1, 1997, to ARRL members of record as of September 10, 1997. Ballots must be returned by November 21, 1997.

ARRL Letter

AUGUST 6th 1997... W3BBB

Hosted His 47th Consecutive



"Bored of Directors Meeting"

(Information furnished by Anonymous... Via W3BBB)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

CALL: **K3HES**
NAME: **Daniel Green**
HANDLE: **Dan**
CLASS: **Advanced**
ADDRESS: **2341 Ripley Street
Philadelphia, PA
19152**

OCCUPATION: **Retired**
HOME PHONE: **215-338-7946**
BUSINESS PHONE:
E-MAIL: **kehes@aol.com**
PACKET:
COMMITTEES: **Education**

CALL: **N3YGY**
NAME: **Bob Gargano**
HANDLE: **Bob**
CLASS: **Technician**
ADDRESS: **2520 South Chadwick Street
Philadelphia, PA
19145**

OCCUPATION: **Steam Fitter**
HOME PHONE: **215-467-1495**
BUSINESS PHONE:
E-MAIL:
PACKET:
COMMITTEES: **Emergency Coordination**

MS-150 volunteers who register early, may pick-up their packets at the September General Meeting.

The PREZ SEZ

Russ Stafford, W3CH



Fire and Brimstone!

The dictionary defines a club as follows: club; "a group of people associated for a common purpose or mutual advantage, usually in an organization that meets regularly."

I just can't believe that we don't get the support that we need from many of our good members! Here's what I mean.

We are right at 200 members listed in the back of the *Blurb* (and Donald works very hard at keeping it up to date). Do we agree on that? Of course we do. Now, why can't we staff W3AA with PMRC members? It should only take 14 members to staff two shifts per day (4 hours each) 7 days a week. How many times does 14 go into 200?

Moving right along... We printed 200 raffle tickets. How many times does 200 go into 200? Then why did we sell only 100?

Then there is the PMRC Picnic. We needed a minimum of 50. How many times does 50 go into 200 plus family members? Not to mention how many people called after the closing date, or said "we will let you know the Friday before." Hey!... Chris (N3WCO) and I each paid our \$10 too, and we are not planning on collecting money the day of the event. We came to have a good time! So we need to be adult about this sort of thing.

Moving right along... Charlie (AA3EP) begs for help for public service stuff, week after week after week. OK

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General Meeting Program

The Sprint PCS Personal Communication Services Network

What is a P C S phone? How is it different from a CELLULAR phone? What can it do for me that a cellular can't? These are some of the questions that will be answered at the PHIL-MONT September 10th meeting by Mr. John Schreidl of SPRINT.

John will give an overview of the Sprint network, and he'll have a technical rep present for all you techies! Demonstration hardware will be available. See you there!

UPCOMING

- Sept 3 Directors' Meeting at
C H I Institute, Southampton
Hosted by N3PVO
- Sept 4 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
- Sept 10 **General Meeting**
The SPRINT PCS (Personal
Communication Services) Network
~ ~ ~
- Oct 2 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
- Oct 8 **General Meeting Program:**
SkyWarn
- Oct 15 Directors' Meeting at
N3FVI's
~ ~ ~
Future Programs
- Nov Ol' Timers' Night with Derrick Pitts,
KA3NQN, The Franklin Institute's
Chief Astronomer.
- Dec Annual Meeting & Elections
- Jan 2nd Annual PMRC Auction with our
own favorite huckster, Russ, W3CH

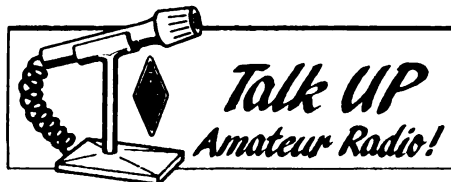
HAMFESTS

- Sep 14 TRENTON, NJ
Delaware Valley RA
- Sep 20 MT. HOLLY, NJ
South Jersey RA
- Sep 27 SCHNECKSVILLE, PA
Delaware Lehigh ARC
- Oct. 5 WARRINGTON, PA
Pack Rats
- Oct 19 NEWTOWN, PA
Penn Wireless Assn.
- Oct 26 SELLERSVILLE, PA
RF Hill ARC

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1997 test fee is \$6.25; there is no charge for a Novice test.

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
215- 879-0505 day, 215- 448-1139 24-hours
- **BELLMAR, NJ**
Diane Nafis
609-227-6281
- **BRISTOL**
George LeNoir
215-943-4886
- **LINWOOD, PA—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)**
Russ Stafford, W3CH
610-631-3401 x902
- **NORRISTOWN**
Raymond Patton
610-279-1897
- **TELFORD**
Joseph Burgess
215-723-6697
- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**
Jeff DePolo
215- 898-8538 shack, 215-337-7383 home
- **WARMINSTER**
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494
- **WILMINGTON**
Giselle Walls
302-478-2757



PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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aa3ep@aol.com
Russ Stafford, russ@hdj.com

Sept 27-28 .. M.S. 150 City to Shore Bike Tour
Oct 5 Arthritis Bike Tour

You might be a CBer with call letters if...

You think QSL is anything but a QUICK
SENDING LETTER (a qsl card).

You think little leo is a guy down the street
on 146.52.

You think "Break" is used for anything
other than an emergency.

You think destined is a word.

You don't know if it is an up or down split
on 147.

You don't own a copy of Part 97, and damn
proud of it.

You think it is your God given right to use
the radio.

You think that the FCC will not take band
space away from the hams.

You don't support your club because some-
one else will do that for you.

You don't do public service because it's of
no use.

You just don't leave your house because
you're just too lazy.

You don't come out to ham radio meetings.
Well, you just don't have a reason.

You don't think you should support the
repeater you talk on all the time.

You have to have 27 home repeaters and
don't support any of them.

You never check your e-mail or packet,
they are for outgoing only.

Well, there is hope for you who answered
yes to more than one of the above! You can
get help as well! Come on out to the Sept.
10th Phil-Mont meeting.

By the leader of the Dark Empire: Russ, W3CH

CW ALMOST RETURNS TO MARS NETS!

MARS members can put those bugs, pad-
dles and keys away again. The head of the
MARS program, Joseph Frizzell, says the
ban on the use of CW on MARS frequencies
remains in effect. Frizzell said a "miscue"
led to an erroneous announcement within
the Navy-Marine Corps MARS program to
the effect that CW would again be permit-
ted for informal use on MARS frequencies
(see The ARRL Letter, Vol 16, No 32).
Some Navy-Marine Corps MARS mem-
bers had already resumed using the mode in
the wake of that announcement.

Frizzell said that while he personally
has no objections to the use of CW, he must
follow the policy dictates now in effect.
CW was banned from MARS frequencies
as of last October 1 as a result of the policies
of former Assistant Secretary of Defense
Emmett Paige. "The policy has not
changed," Frizzell emphasized this week.
"That's a fact."

Both Frizzell and Paige are hams.

Frizzell said a change in policy is al-
ways possible, but he added that "there's
nothing on the horizon" to indicate that CW
will again be authorized for use on MARS
frequencies. Frizzell said Congress has asked
for a report on the MARS program by year's
end. Among other things, the report will
look into possible changes in the MARS
mission.

ARRL Letter

**I know you believe you under-
stand what you think I said, but
I'm not sure you realize that what
you heard is not what I meant.**

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

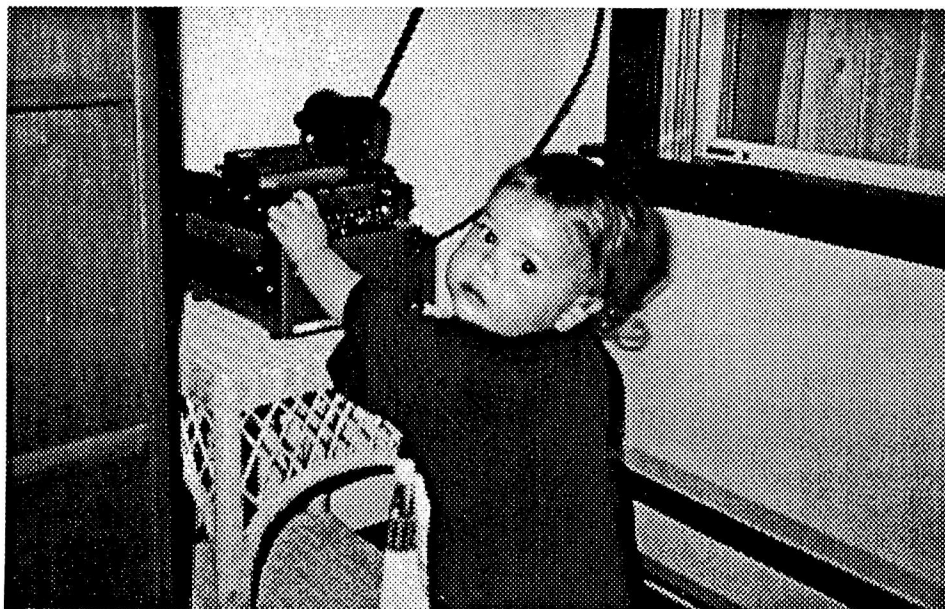
• **CRT vs LCD**—Recently, advancing technology has given birth to a new breed of LCD monitors that rivals the performance of CRT monitors. New offerings like NEC's MultiSync LCD 300 are convincing many buyers to change over to LCDs altogether. Benefits of the new LCD monitors include light weight, lower-energy consumption and high-color quality.

Initial success for this new breed is predicted abroad. Users in Japan and Asia will enjoy the compact size while emission-conscious users in Europe should see a benefit in its low magnetic field. After foreign use of the new monitors picks up, prices will drop enough to make them an

attractive alternative to CRT's in the United States.

• **Rain, sleet, snow...or power outage**
Sometime in 1997, the United States post office expects to launch a new service which will certify electronic messages. By using the service, any official documents, contracts or applications that are sent over the Internet could be routed through a postal service computer, validated with a date and time stamp and then sent to their final destination.

The post office does not expect its new service to replace hard copies of official documents, just to give computer users a trusted alternative to "snail mail." 📧



Hey Grampa! You said we can't get Phil-Mont on Cape Cod, but I think I just heard W3BBB!

KB3IV photo

MINUTES

AUGUST DIRECTORS' MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary



The August Directors' Meeting was opened at 8:07 pm by our leader Russ (W3CH), at "Spencerville West." The following committees gave reports.

TREASURER—Mike (K2BN) reported that receipts totaled \$82.00 for the month (which is about right for this time of year), with disbursements totaling \$166.02, leaving a net change in funds of -\$84.02. We are nicely ahead of budget thus far for the year. The bottom line is: *we have money in the bank.*

FIELD DAY—Russ (W3CH) reported a new chairperson, Steve (WU3I), had been appointed due to the resignation of our former chairperson Chris (N3IEI).

MEMBERSHIP—Russ reported two new applicants to vote on for membership, Arthur Weiner (N3LCV) and David Pyle (KD3RP). A motion was made and approved to accept both applicants into membership. Welcome to both of our new members.

REPEATER—Jim (W3BBB) reported that the club made application to the coordination committee for the new location, and specified the antenna height as 150' on the tower. The VHF antenna has been ordered but we are still looking for a UHF antenna that will work at the frequency we want. We have also acquired two 300' pieces of 7/8" hard line, which was generously donated by Bill Ferguson (WA3BXW). The connectors for the hard line have also been ordered. A professional rigger has been contacted and will quote his price after we submit a list of what we want up on the tower.

SPECIAL EVENTS—Charlie (AA3EP) reported that the next big event coming up is the MS150. The registration forms have been sent out. Please return your form as soon as possible if you plan to help out. The Arthritis Foundation will also be holding an event the first weekend in October. More information will be available as it is received.

SUNSHINE—Steve (WU3I) reported that the last person he knew was ill was Mike (KE7YE), and that he was better by the time he heard about it. Don't forget to contact Steve if you know of a member needing some sunshine.

W3AA—Steve (WU3I) reported that the station received miscellaneous ham equipment which will be available for sale at the Gloucester County Hamfest.

YOUTH—Russ (W3CH) reported that Stefanie (KE3ZY) will be sending out postcards to recruit more support for the Youth Committee.

Blurb—Jack (W3IIM) said that, with the membership hitting the 200 mark, he is looking into using bulk mailing to help reduce the ever-rising costs of the *Blurb*. Also discussed, based on an informal e-mail survey, was having the latest issue available for download from our Website. It was agreed that the current issue would be posted following the month's General Meeting. Jack also noted the *Blurb* is running about 60% of budget, although the quality at times has not been very good.

PUBLICITY—Russ (W3CH) reported the need for a new Publicity Chairperson with

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Prez Sez—continued from page 3.

more math! We only need 140 hams for the MS-150 CITY TO SHORE bike tour. How many times does 140 go into 200? OK then answer this: if there are 8 clubs participating, then why is PMRC number 8 in the number of hams signed up to help with this event?

As I've said before, it's time for YOU, as a ham, to get off your butt and support your club and do it now! This is YOUR club!

On the same note I would like to thank the people who work hard for you behind the scenes. Donald (WB3KOJ), *Blurb* Folding and Directory; Jack (W3IIM) *Blurb*, website and lots of great ideas; Jim (W3BBB) and Rick (N3DHI) for keeping the repeaters running; Len (W3LEN) for getting membership working and working well; Steve (WU3I) W3AA and anywhere you might need him he's always there; Bill (W3GQD) for all the great programs, and Bill (N3FVI) for the goodies at the meetings.

Then there are all of your 1997 officers who make a concerted effort to show up every month to work very hard at moving the club forward, and, for the most part, we have done just that!

So with all of the folks above, and many more working hard for you as a PMRC member, maybe it's time for YOU to support your club and Ham Radio. Don't just sit back and take advantage of the fine things other members are providing! Give some support!

If you have some free time give Steve (WU3I) a call. Help at W3AA for an hour or two or 4 once in awhile. Sign up and help Charlie (AA3EP) on a Public Service event. The MS-150 is this month and is a whole lot of fun! Reminder, to make Phil-Mont the number one club in

the Delaware Valley it takes YOU! So what are you going to do? The answer is easy: get up off your butt TODAY!

I know I did not list all the folks who are always helping, but space does not permit. Anyway, I hope to see you all on September 10 at our first meeting after the summer break! We can talk about any and all of the above!

Very best of 73 de Russ W3CH

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the resignation of Chris (N3IEI). **SOCIAL EVENTS**—Russ (W3CH) reported that about 22 people have signed up so far for the club picnic. Hopefully more will sign up before the deadline. **NEW BUSINESS**—Carol (N3PVO) shared another club's info handout which was available at a local hamfest. The idea of doing something along similar lines was discussed, after which Jack (W3IIM) and Dick (W3RM) agreed to try to put something together for Board approval.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at a record 9:07 pm by Russ (W3CH). A special thanks to Jim (W3BBB) and Elaine for hosting the meeting. See you all at the September General Meeting. ☺

Come to a Phil-Mont meeting, and see what all the talk is about!

knows a thing about our kidnapped organ!

I call Postal Inspector (PI)...he refers me to Customer Relations (CR). I tell a nice lady the complete story; she promises next-day action. (I'm sure she thinks she is dealing with a real Whack-O.)

WEDNESDAY 10:30AM

Phone call from Customer Relations Person (that's Politically Correct talk). ... "*BLURB HAS BEEN MAILED*" (for 32 cents each)! Super Spy Russ (W3CH) finds out that they were put in the mail (1/10 OF AN OUNCE OVERWEIGHT) at 3:42 on **TUESDAY**.

THURSDAY ... More Phil-Monters report receiving *The Blurb* than have ever gotten it on the day after a mailing! Now you have the facts.

... **ANYONE FOR AN ELECTRONIC *BLURB*?**

HONEST DON,
I DID NOT
KIDNAP THE
BLURB!
LOVE,
H.R.C.

THEN IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
BILL!



HAM TO BE HONORED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE!

Harry Lauer, N3ISO will be honored for his many years of public service on September 27th at an awards ceremony to be held in Ocean City, NJ. The event will be hosted by Larry Kane of KYW TV 3.

Harry, who passed away in August at age 74 was a long time supporter of public service here in the Delaware Valley. For many years Harry did the map books and the Ham cue sheets for the MS-150 City to Shore bike tour. The rest stop that Harry staffed for many years will be named this year in his honor as the HARRY LAUER memorial rest stop.

All are welcome to come down and honor Harry N3ISO.

For more info you may contact Russ (W3CH) or Charlie (AA3EP)

Fable for Volunteers

This story is about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and:

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Somebody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. ☺

The Great *Blurb* Caper

BLURBNET

(formerly Dragnet)

This is America!
My name is Don
My call is WB3KOJ
My job, Mail *The Blurb*
Here are the Facts (just the facts) of The Great *Blurb* Caper...

TUESDAY...9AM

My regular Post Office (PO) is being modernized;
(it was new less than 8 years ago ... but that's another story).
So I took our beloved rag (August edition) to another PO.
Without any hesitation or trepidation, I bade farewell to 200 copies, and went to my real job.

TUESDAY...10:30AM

Urgent message on '03 ... Editor's XYL (W3IIN) has received land line from PO Mistress (POM)

... **THE BLURB IS 1/10 OF AN OUNCE OVERWEIGHT. AND WILL NOT BE MAILED**

... editor's spouse gives Mistress my home phone number.

(Lucky my spouse was working.Jinny!!! NEVER give a MISTRESS a guy's home phone number!)

TUESDAY...10:37AM

I rush to the phone, call my home, and retrieve the same message from my answering machine.

TUESDAY...10:39AM

Call POM ... she is out ... clerk repeats story ... I asked her if they were weighed on two scales ... yes she says ... I said OK I will be there in the PM to correct the grievous error.

TUESDAY...12:30AM

Fidget at lunch with best client ... worried about our precious Award Winning Publication.

TUESDAY...2PM (long lunch)

I enter PO and meet the POM. She tells me that our literary gems have VANISHED!

Where did they go? She's not sure ... she knows that one of the clerks' OM is a Ham, and that the clerk called him, and in a few minutes someone picked up *The Blurbs*. The clerk says her spouse is working all night (it is now 2:05 PM ... this guy gets more OT than N3XKE) and can't be reached. The clerk who gave the secret *Blurb* snatcher (I was sure it was our resident "flake") our priceless treasure has vanished. (If you're confused, think about how I felt.) POM promises to call me when she gets to the bottom of the case. I walk out of "The Twilight Zone," certain that we will never see the August *Blurb* again. More importantly, I know that I will never be reimbursed the \$64.68 postage that the club owed me (Spencer already has told me he will make every effort to keep K2BN from cutting a check).

TUESDAY...4PM (1600 hours for all you real hams)

I can't wait any longer ... I call POM, she says she will try to call the clerk who gave *The Blurbs* to the mystery human being, and SHE WILL call me right back. No call ever came from POM

WEDNESDAY... 8AM ... 8:30AM

After a restless, nightmare filled sleep (I dreamed that Hillary conducted an investigation), I called POM: "...she is in all-day meeting downtown." Nobody

148TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS AUGUST

10 candidates took 15 elements
1 new amateurs plus 4 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Paul Collins, NI2E; Jim McCloskey, KE3OP; Michael Cirillo, AA3OQ;
Wally Newell, W3UK; Jeff Kerber, KE3UV; Bob Freer, W3YLT

AMATEUR LICENSE EXAMS HELD ON THE FIRST
NON-HOLIDAY THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Registration begins at 6:00 PM

Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

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SCIENCE MUSEUM

For Information Call ND3Q at
(215) 448-1139 or 879-0505

Accessible by the handicapped.



Warminster ARC Announces Fall Classes

Tuesdays from 1930-2130.
September 9 through November 25.

For more information:

Call George at 215-855-3856
altemus@gac.usa.com

MS-150 volunteer application and information is available at:

<http://www.comcat.com/pmrc/ms150>

and on packet at:

w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam
(610-635-0486)

E-MAILBOX

8/15/97

Hello:

I happened to find your web page and viewed The Blurb on my Acrobat viewer. I am glad to see the group is alive and well. I was editor of the RAMS News for the Radio Amateur Mobile Society here in Sacramento at various times in the 60s and 70s and exchanged papers with The Blurb.

The first thing I noticed was that you still have the same cartoonist. You must pay him well. My theory is that old newsletter editors make the most enthusiastic webmasters. You get to continually correct your mistakes. My ham web page is <http://home.pacbell.net/lcobb/>. You will find a linked page of mine with the history of the RAMS, mentioned above. That club had a golden era of mobile activity in the 50s through the 70s. Club activities were dropped when the club shrank to a mere repeater club. Outings and Public Service activities jumped over to our Mt. Vaca Radio Club, which is at <http://www.mvrc.org>.

Both my page and the MVRC Activities Page are linked to trip reports and photos of some of our longer ham caravan trips.

I recall your club being on 10M AM. I had a rig on there in the 60s, but band openings never coincided with your activities while I was listening.

Our local mobile activity was on 75M, first AM, then SSB mobile.

73,

Les Cobb, W6TEE

Sacramento

8/14/97

Hi there! I've been roving around the www's, and happened (not really by accident) onto the PMRC home page. Downloaded the Blurb (excellent quality on the photos, etc - I'm impressed!), read the history, read the whole damn thing, in fact - even the sweet talk about Spencer... That's a little tough to digest, but all the other stuff was absolutely great! Even the webmaster's page. Trouble is, I gotta figure out what to say tomorrow when I have to explain what I was doing in the office playing on the Web when I had planned to leave work early and get home at a reasonable time. Oh well, another nine o'clock quit.

73, Jacko

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PACKET RACKET

Russ Stafford, W3CH

A few things are happening on Packet. First, Rob (K3HD) is moving his PBBS. Yes, Rob and his wife are back together, and have gotten a house not far from where he lives now with his brother. The phone port is down, and will remain down until the move is complete. The RF ports will be down/up until he gets everything worked out over at their new home.

The W3CH PBBS will be doing away with the 610-497-5868 port, as almost no one uses it any more since we installed the Monco-wide area port on the BBS. We have also completed a lot of work on the R.F. ports, giving us a much wider coverage area on the BBS.

The W3PS PBBS in southern NJ is having its problems with the electric being off and on, as the contractors turn the hotel into condos. This should be completed by mid-September if all goes well.

It is with great sadness that I must report that the N3NAA JNOS PBBS in Gap, PA is now QRT. Jeff, after many months, felt that due to the lack of users, way out in Gap, that it just was not worth the time and electric to run his fine full-service PBBS any longer. Jeff will be missed!

You are now up-to-date with packet in our area. ☺

W3CH Honored

From the ARRL Letter:

MS Society honors ham: The Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has honored volunteer Russ Stafford, AA3CH (ex-WB3JVX), of Linwood, [Pennsylvania], as a member of its Leadership Class of 1997. Stafford was recognized for donating "his time and energies to the organization through his Amateur Radio activities" over the past 15 years. Stafford was cited for recruiting hams to assist in the MS-150 City to Shore Bike Tour, which attracts hundreds of cyclists for the overnight ride from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Ocean City, New Jersey, and back. In addition to the bike tour, Stafford also organized coverage for seven of the Greater Delaware Valley's MS WALK sites in April. Stafford, who heads a security service, comes from a ham radio family. Both his grandfather and his [mother] were hams. ☺

PHIL-MONT PICNIC A SUCCESS

On August 23rd Phil-Mont returned to the scene of its memorable 40th Anniversary banquet to enjoy a fully catered picnic arranged by Chris, N3WCO.

In spite of the cool weather, some of the younger set checked-out the pool, and the Hochs' grandson even got to drive a golf cart, courtesy of one of the friendly employees of The General Washington Golf and Swim Club.

Even though Jim Spencer was unable to convince Steffie to show him her infamous tattoo, all would agree that it was an enjoyable afternoon, with good friends, and good food. ☺

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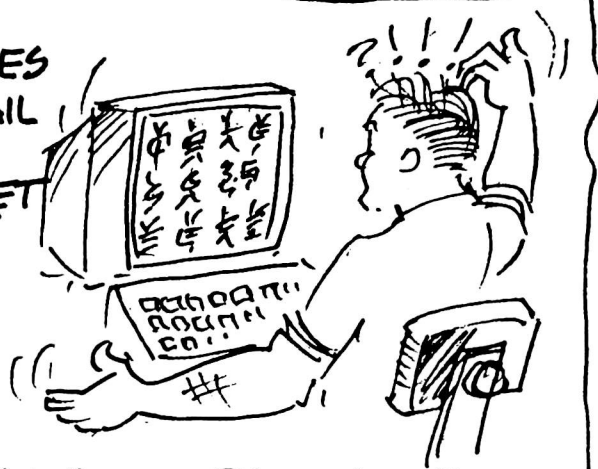
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REPORT

Well here it is September. The vacationers visiting the station are returning to work and hopefully the volunteers are also. This is a slow month at the station. The school trips will not start for awhile. This is a great time to get the fix-up work done.

There is a plan in the works to move the ATV antenna up onto the tower, and some hardline has been acquired for the job. Al (W3STW) and Barry (K3EUI) are going to retune the 6M vertical, as it is out of match. The HF antennas on the Kenwood 570 and the Tentec Omni VI have been swapped. The Tentec has the Windom 10-80 wire, and the Kenwood has the R7 vertical. The tuner is not necessary for the window, and is not in line.

Finally I now have my work schedule through January, and there is no change from Summer. I will not be able to visit the station during the week due to work, and will stop-down on as many weekends as I can. Any problems that need my attention can be directed to me on the repeater, via e-mail, or on the phone. Please feel free to call me anytime.

—Steve Hoch, WU3I

Internet: <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ● <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3 DIRECTORS' MEETING at C H I Institute Southampton	4 LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m. sharp! YOUTH NET @ 8 PM	5	6
7 2M NCS N3FTY 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3PWG	8	9	10 GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30.	11 YOUTH NET at 8 PM	12	13
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